

**LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE
ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS**

Thursday, May 15, 2003

Summary Minutes

Members Present:

Mayor Maria Alegria, Pinole
Mayor Irma Anderson, Richmond
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Alameda County
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, San Mateo County
Supervisor Barbara Kondylis, Solano County
Supervisor Peter McHugh, Santa Clara County
Mayor Julia Miller, Sunnyvale
Councilmember Steve Rabinowitsh, Santa Rosa
Mayor Gwen Regalia, Walnut Creek
Mayor Shelia Young, San Leandro

Also Present:

Patricia Jones – ABAG
Kathleen Cha—ABAG
Gerry Raycraft—ABAG
Jerry Lahr—ABAG
Jeanne Perkins—ABAG
Kathleen Van Velsor—ABAG

1. Introductions: Committee Chair, Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, opened the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Under Open Agenda—two bills not on the agenda were brought before the Committee for their discussion—SB 321 and AB 1598.

Gerry Raycraft, ABAG Planning Director, informed the Committee that **SB 321 (Torlakson) Infrastructure Investment Bonds**, had been amended to designate \$2 billion dollars in support of the IRP—the Inter-Regional Partnership State Pilot Project to Improve the Balance of Jobs and Housing. The Committee agreed that it was appropriate to express staff support of this proposal stating that this proposal was consistent with past Committee support and direction on the IRP project, and that a formal position would be taken in July when the item could be agendized.

Jeanne Perkins, ABAG Earthquake Program Manager, asked for direction on **AB 1598 (Corbett) Seismic Safety: Insurance—Retrofitting**. The consensus of the Committee was that work was needed with Assembly Member Corbett's Office and the Department of Insurance to resolve issues that included meeting quality standards of retrofitting and quality control, equitable split of funding, and adding funding of apartment retrofits. It was also suggested that staff forward the stated issues to the Seismic Safety Commission.

2. Minutes: March 20, 2003, minutes were approved.

3. Discussion of Recent State Fiscal Reform Legislation

The Committee reviewed and discussed proposed **state budget and fiscal reform legislation** that included fiscal reform strategies such as: property tax revenue shifts; putting in reserve 3% of general fund and special fund reserves; proposing a state two year budget plan; reducing voter threshold to 55% or majority for infrastructure general obligation bonds and special taxes; reallocation of property tax, sales and use tax; changes of property tax for commercial and industrial property; internet tax; and reducing to 55% the voting threshold that California legislators need to pass a state budget or to raise taxes.

Action: The Committee requested, for their review, positions on budget-related constitutional amendments and bills, copies of briefing papers, fiscal analysis and principles that legislators and the League have produced. It was indicated that the materials requested should be sent prior to the next meeting in July.

4. Review of Legislation

Presentations were made by Jerry Lahr, ABAG Power Pool Project Manager, who recommended taking an oppose position on AB 1734, and by Kathleen Van Velsor, Senior Environmental Planner, who outlined recommendations from the ABAG/CALFED Task Force regarding water legislation on the agenda.

After review and discussion, the Committee recommended the following positions and directed staff to follow-up on questions posed related to legislation designated *watch*, as noted below.

A support position for:

AB 1300 (Laird) Water: Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002—Expenditures: Annual Report

SB 21 (Machado) Water: Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002—this was support, reserving the right to make amendments

A Watch Position for:

AB 93 (Canciamilla) Safe, Clean, Reliable Water Supply Water Bond Act of 2004.

Committee is concerned about water storage provisions and wants clarification regarding scope of program.

AB 1015 (Laird) Land Use: Water Supply

Committee wants to review amendments being proposed regarding integration of water management plans with general plans and implications of funding.

SB 312 (Machado) Urban Landscape Water Conservation Act of 2003

Committee wanted clarification about definition of urban landscape and more precise details regarding impact on agricultural lands versus single family homes.

An Oppose Position for:

AB 1192 (Dutra) Density Reduction

AB 1734 (Com. on Utilities and Commerce) Public Utilities: Energy Efficiency Budgets

SB 619 (Ducheny) Land Use Authority

5. Update on Comprehensive Integrated Regional Planning

ABAG President Gwen Regalia gave a brief update on the **status of meetings** with MTC. The joint venture of John Fregonese of Calthorpe Fregonese Associates and Don Blubaugh, retired Walnut Creek City Manager, has been selected to facilitate six meetings of the Task Force beginning in June.

Unfinished Business: A discussion of **general plan/housing element bills**, that have become two-year bills and subject to review and comment, was held over to the next meeting on July 17th.

Handouts distributed at meeting included:

- Updated summary of legislation being reviewed
- Summary of Proposed 2003 Legislation on Housing Elements/General Plans
- Proposed Budget and Fiscal Reform Bills (brief summaries)
- Summary of Water Legislation for Consideration
- Briefing on AB 1598 (Corbett) Seismic Safety: Insurance—Retrofitting
- Article on AB 1734—"DSM Oversight bill Quietly Proceeds" from *California Energy Markets*, May 2, 2003
- Article on State Budget Effects, *San Francisco Chronicle*, May 15, 2003

6. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 17, 2003, 3:30 - 5 p.m., MetroCenter, ABAG Conference Room B